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Date: Wed, 5 Nov 1997 03:22:53 +0000

**From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>**

**Subject: Re: Cleaning Old Rigs??**

At 11:36 PM 11/4/97 +0000, you wrote:

>Hi Gang

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>with lettering). I works excellent on crinkle paint. It leaves  
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>for me!!                Regards        Doug

I have had excellent results from this stuff too! DO OBSERVE the  
warning  
about it removing lettering! 95% of the time there is no problem. I try and  
followup with plain water/paper toweling to remove the traces of the  
cleaner as it is caustic and I don't like to leave it behind. It has worked  
VERY

excellently for me. DO NOT use this on old silk screened paint lettering on  
glass or plastic, as the lettering will be damaged or disappear! I use a mild  
solution of dishwashing detergent for this!

73,

E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW

"Boat Anchors collected, restored, repaired, traded and used!"

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**\*\*860 Hartley 'ECO' under construction\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Looking for a TRC-10 transceiver \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\* looking for an RAL receiver \*\*\*\*\***

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Date: Wed, 5 Nov 97 08:34:06 EST

**From: jkh@lexis-nexis.com (John Heck)**

**Subject: Re: Cleaning Old Rigs??**

Folks,

In the "Communications Receiver" column of the Oldtimers Bulletin, just received,  
the product "Birchwood Casey Brass Cartridge Case Cleaner" is recommended as a general  
purpose cleaner for all sorts of metallic radio parts and other durable parts, such  
as Bakelite knobs, etc. The stuff is mixed as directed and may be stored. Caution is  
needed as it is capable of actually corroding thin platings, but is still recommended  
as an excellent cleaner. The writeup suggests that complex components such as air  
variables be dis-assembled before cleaning, and in stubborn cases, 0000 steel wool  
used to scrub the parts, being careful, of course, to remove any traces of the wool  
after cleanup. Through rinsing with clear water is a \*must\*. This stuff is available  
at any gun type shop.

Regards,  
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Date: Wed, 5 Nov 1997 06:50:06 -0800 (PST)  
From: Hy Chantz <chantz@well.com>  
Subject: Re: QSK with Straight Key

Enjoying reading the mail - thanks folks! Re: the key with two sets of offset MAKE contacts for QSK - I have an old RAF knee key with separate make and break contacts - I'm thinking of rigging it for QSK so that the break lifts the cathode return of the amplifier stages of my RX (obviously this can only address RX "desense"; I'll still need two antennas and/or TR switch) - don't suggest that anybody else try this unless they're REAL careful and dry-handed with the voltages!

I believe use of the break contacts for QSK relay control and lead "lifting" (or removing a bypass on a shunt resistor, etc.) was a common technique in the past.

Well, enough jawboning - need to get working on my TX so that I can proudly 'chew on the air!

73s es ZUT

Hy W2HY

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Date: Wed, 5 Nov 1997 10:41:54 -0500 (EST)  
From: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu  
Subject: 80M/160M Funzies --- da bands are hot they are

I had the sets on 160M last night at the usual QRG 1802R500 +- whatever. The band is quite good, these days. 80M is magnificent. I will park Big Bertha Radiomarine on 1802R500 for the next few days with Grandma Hartley et al on 3579R000 +- whatever. Hope to work a few of you. I hear lots of stations on both bands, now.....

73/ZUT DE NA4G/Bob UP

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Date: Wed, 5 Nov 1997 11:34:43 -0500 (EST)  
**From:** EWoodman@aol.com  
**Subject:** Hartley ECO Keying

Bob,  
Just a quick question.....  
Just finished a Hartley ECO using a 6L6, 6550, etc. Runs straight  
through....80M osc and plate tuned to 80. Modified for pi-net output. I'm  
keying it in the cathode to coil-tap line. Is that the best place? What would  
you suggest?

Tnx and 73 Eric KA1YRV

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Date: Wed, 05 Nov 1997 12:35:40 -0700  
**From:** Walt Turansky <turansky@xroads.com>  
**Subject:** Grid Leak Advise

I recently obtained a copy of Practical Radio Telegraphy by Nilson and  
Hornung, McGraw-Hill, 1928. I was reading it last night and felt I had to  
share the following paragraph on troubleshooting, particularly since this  
is Hartley month.

"Burned-out Grid Leak.-The usual resistance of grid leaks used in this type  
of transmitter is in the vicinity of 5,000 ohms and should the original  
burn out it may be replaced by an approximately equal resistance. Where  
this is impossible, a rubber hose about 10 in. long, filled with salt water  
and plugged at both ends with a cork, with wires extending from each of  
these ends into the water, may be used with satisfaction."

I guess that if the corks aren't sealed well, one would really have a grid  
LEAK! Is anyone game to try it?

73 de KW7WT,  
Walt

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Date: Wed, 5 Nov 1997 17:37:32 -0500  
**From:** bgriff@develcon.com (Bill Griffith)  
**Subject:** Re: Grid Leak Advise

KW7WT wrote :  
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>Hornung, McGraw-Hill, 1928.  
<SNIP>

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>and plugged at both ends with a cork, with wires extending from each of  
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Priceless! Were either of the authors ex-navy types ?

73 de VE3WGX

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Date: Wed, 5 Nov 1997 21:49:13 -0800 (PST)

From: Ken Gordon <keng@uidaho.edu>

Subject: 3579 QRG Wednesday night...

Heard N4QY in QSO with a WB9. Also heard W5II(?) calling Sandy W5TVW, but didn't hear Sandy. While N4QY was busy, I heard WA5UEK calling CQ a bit higher in frequency. Tried calling him and he came back to me! He was pretty weak, but peaked at 569. He said he was in Plano, Texas and was running 90 watts to a dipole. My HW-16 was chirping away happily. Don't think WA5UEK ever sent his name. Although he had real trouble copying me, he did get my name and QTH. Good for him! All this was at 0330 to 0400.

Maybe I can hear Bob and Sandy someday yet.

Sure wish more GB/BA crowd would try 7050.

I sure like the BA/GB crowd. Good people.

Ken W7EKB

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